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polyester resin, polyethylene, fiberglass, and preformed plastic.

45. (New) An apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the means for sealing the space between the exterior of the base unit and the interior of the top unit is a gasket-like device.
46. (New) An apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the base unit has a non-corrosive composite material which encloses an invert and bench area, disposed so that said invert and bench are at least 4 in. above the incoming pipelines.

REMARKS - General

1. The Office Action (OA) indicated that the drawings were non-compliant for failure to contain notations in the top margin that these are annotated replacement sheets. In response to the objection to the Drawings, the drawings are resubmitted with the identifications made in the top margin.

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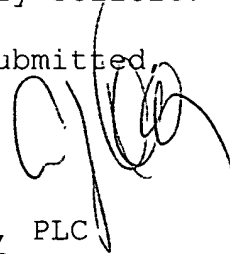
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2. The OA objected to amendments to the claims because each claim had not been provided with the proper status identifier. The claims previously submitted are amended to have the proper status identifier.
3. Applicants solicit reconsideration of all of the rejections and allowance of all of their claims.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, Applicants submit that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the referenced art. Therefore, they submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action they respectfully solicit.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, and return postcard, as well as Amended Drawings, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via United States Express Mail in an envelope, tracking number ED 199 328 300 US, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450, on this 24th day of April, 2006.



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